

Novemb. Court. 1719

His Majesty  
 at  
 John Porter

This being an action of Trespas on the Case Comanded by His Majesty ag. the said John Porter and wherein the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the writ in the same action was directed makes return thereof on the third tuesday in Novemb. to wit the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the same Monty Anno Dom 1719 Endors<sup>d</sup> Capi Corpus of Simon Wilmer Sher.

Kent County's The Jurors for the Hon. the Lord Proprietarie and the Body of Kent County on their Oath do present that John Porter late of South Paspafras Lower hundred in the said County Plantd the fiftenth day of March in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen at South Paspafras Lower hundred afd in the County afd and within the Jurisdiction of this Court the fear of God before his Eyes not having but by the instigation of the Devill being led did Comitt fornication with a certain Mary Jackson and thereby did begett a Child on the body of the sd Mary Jackson to the high displeasure of Almighty God to the will & pernicious example of others against the peace of our said Lord proprietarie his rule and dignity & against the forme of an act of assembly of this Province now in force in such Case made and provided Maubride p<sup>ro</sup> p<sup>ro</sup> on the back of the preceding judgment was Endors<sup>d</sup> as folo to wit Billa Vera of Francis Barney Foreman

And the afd John Porter comes and defends the force and injury when so. And says that he cannot gain say the judgment afd so as afd against him nor can he say but that he is guilty of committing the fornication in the afd judgment with the afd Mary Jackson and thereon Submitts himself to the Court and is willing that Judgment should be Entered for his fine for his committing the offense afd as also all Costs and Charges thereon accruing. Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Novemb. Anno Dom 1719 that the afd John Porter pay the sume of Thirty Shill. Current money for his fine for committing fornication as afd in forme afd Confessed as also the sume of four hundred and thirteen pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged for his Costs and charges on the premises afd ordered by the Court here that the fine afd be delivered the Sheriff of Kent County which was accordingly done by the afd of the sd Peace ordered by the Court here that there be payd to the afd Mary Jackson the sume of two hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco by the afd John Porter it being adjudged his part or halfe the Charge the afd Mary was